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In re Application of :
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MONOESTERS :

This is a response to applicants' "RENEWED REQUEST UNDER 37 CFR 1.497(d)", filed 12 September 2003, and "RENEWED REQUEST UNDER 37 CFR 1.497(d)", filed 29 September 2003, requesting the addition of Josef Koester (Koester) as an inventor.

BACKGROUND

On 26 August 2003, this Office mailed a decision dismissing applicants' request under 37 CFR 1.497(d) to add Josef Koester (Koester) as a co-inventor. The decision stated that the applicants were required to submit a 37 CFR 3.73(b) statement establishing ownership by the assignee Cognis Deutschland GMBH & Co. KG (Cognis).

On 12 September 2003, applicants filed the present "RENEWED REQUEST UNDER 37 CFR 1.497(d)" which is accompanied by, inter alia, a "RENEWED REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)", signed by agent Steven J. Trzaska (Trzaska), identifying Cognis as the assignee and giving the reel and frame number for the assignment record evidencing a chain of title from the inventors to Cognis.

On 29 September 2003, applicants filed the present "RENEWED REQUEST UNDER 37 CFR 1.497(d)", signed by Trzaska, stating that Trzaska is authorized to act of behalf of the assignee.

DISCUSSION

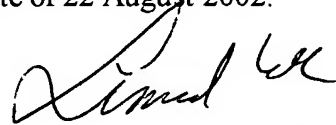
The papers filed by the applicants on 12 September 2003 and 29 September 2003 meet the requirements of 37 CFR 3.73(b).

CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, applicants' request under 37 CFR 1.497(d) for the addition of Koester as a co-inventor is **GRANTED**.

This application is being forwarded to the US national stage processing section of the Office of PCT Operations for preparation and mailing of a Notification of Acceptance (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) indicating a 35 USC 371(c) date of 22 August 2002.

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